

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS BOX 1027 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48231-1027

August 10, 2010

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Planning Division Environmental Analysis Branch

## TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, PUBLIC GROUPS, AND CITIZENS:

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to address proposed maintenance work on the Federal flood management project located along the Sebewaing River in the Village of Sebewaing, Michigan. The document, *Maintenance of the Sebewaing Flood Management Project, Village of Sebewaing, Michigan*, is available for public review at the following locations:

Village of Sebewaing US Post Office Sebewaing Twp Library

222 North Center Street 49 N. Center St. 41 N. Center St. Sebewaing, MI 48759 Sebewaing, MI Sebewaing, MI

If you would like a paper copy to review, it can be obtained by contacting: Les E. Weigum, Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch, Phone: 313-226-6752 or online at www.lre.usace.army.mil/sebewaingEA.

The EA addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with performing maintenance work along the Sebewaing Federal flood management project. Alternatives considered include: 1) Reconstruct critical earthen levee areas and re-vegetate; 2) Reconstruct critical earthen levee areas and armor with rip-rap; 3) Reconstruct critical earthen levee areas and armor with articulating concrete block mats; 4) Reconstruct critical earthen levee areas and armor with steel sheet pile (SSP) or concrete walls; 5) No action. The proposed action is Alternative 3. The selected alternative would also involve: removing large trees/shrubs and man-made encroachments in and along the levee within the project easement, and sealing a gap between a SSP wall and concrete wall, located near Center Street Bridge.

The EA includes a Section 404(b)(1) Evaluation, pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA), for placement of fill material into the waters of the United States as part of the flood management repair. Any person who has an interest that may be affected by the proposed in water placement of fill material may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing within the comment period of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected by this activity.

Any comments on this proposed action (EA) should be made before the 30-day public review period which closes September 10, 2010; otherwise it will be assumed you have no comment. Please direct your comments to:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Detroit ATTN: CELRE-PL-E (Les E. Weigum) P.O. Box 1027 Detroit, Michigan, 48231-1027

Following the comment period and a review of the comments received, the District Engineer will make a final decision regarding the necessity of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed maintenance project.

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